SETTING OF QUESTION PAPERS FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS AND DEPARTMENTAL TESTS

76. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether in setting question papers for Public Examinations and Departmental tests only Government servants are engaged;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have any objection in engaging others?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) For Public Examinations Government servants as well as others are appointed for setting question papers. But for Departmental tests Government servants alone are nominated as examiners.

(*b*) For Departmental Tests Government officers are considered more fit than non-officials to be examiners and hence non-officials cannot be nominated as examiners.

STORAGE OF WATER—KOLE CULTIVATION

77. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have not been having repeated representations made to them about the failure of the project undertaken regarding the storage of water for kole cultivation in the Chittilappilly Firka;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative will Government be pleased to give up this experiment which has proved to be abortive and productive of serious losses to the poor agriculturists?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*a*).

INVITEES TO THE DARBAR AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

78. Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin Christians-Ernakulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that invitees who came in rickshaws to attend the Darbar on the occasion of the installation of His Highness the Maharaja were compelled by the Police on duty to alight at the gate of the Darbar Hall grounds so that they had to walk from the gate to the Darbar Hall; and

(*b*) whether any direction in this matter had been given to the Police on duty by higher authorities, and if so, what?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) In the general scheme of bandobust arrangements for the Darbar, separate parking arrangements were made for fast-moving and slow-moving vehicles. The parking place for the slow-moving vehicles was on the gate-side, behind the Guard of Honour. When the time came for the arrival of His Highness all traffic was stopped and facilities created for the invitees to alight at the gate and walk into the hall instead of driving right into the portico—a distance of just a few paces.

(*b*) The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police were personally regulating the traffic and attending to the facilities of the invitees.

POLICE OFFICERS—TRAVEL IN SERVICE BUSES

79. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Rules allow the Officers of the Police Department to travel free in service buses plying for hire on our roads;

(*b*) if so, is the privilege enjoyed by all members of the Police force or by the Officers only;

(*c*) is the privilege extended to Officers and men of any other Department; if so, the name of the Department or Departments;

(*d*) if the rules do not allow such free travelling, are the Government aware that such free travelling is indulged in by our Police Officers;

(*e*) do the Government admit that such free travelling is bound to affect prejudicially the independence and integrity of our Officers;

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